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TAGS: OCON, UNIDO
SUBJECT: UNIDO - PERMANENT COMMITTEE, TENTH SESSION,
- AGENDA ITEM 4, ACTIVITIES OF UNIDO

1. THIS MESSAGE OFFERS MISSION COMMENTS ON SUBJECT AGENDA
ITEM FOR USE IN PREPARATION OF U.S. DEL POSITION PAPER.

2. AGENDA ITEM 4 IS ONLY SUBSTANTIVE ITEM ON PC-X AGENDA.
IT HAS THREE SUB-ITEMS AND IN ADDITION SECRETARIAT HAS
CIRCULATED DOCUMENTS ON THREE SUBJECTS WHICH ARE OUTSIDE
SCOPE OF SUB-ITEMS, BUT FALL UNDER GENERAL HEADING OF
"ACTIVITIES OF UNIDO". SUBJECTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS
ISSUED SO FAR ARE:

(A) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ID/B/200,
SUB-ITEM 4(A) OF AGENDA (COVERED IN SEPTTEL);

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(B) MEDIUM-TERM PLAN OF UNIDO FOR 1980-1983,
ID/B/C.3/67 AND ADD.1, SUB-ITEM 4(C);

(C) UNIDO/UNCTAD COOPERATION, ID/B/C.3/64 (ISSUED JOINT-
LY WITH UNCTAD WHERE IT IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO NINTH
SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURERS AS TD/B/C.2/188)
AND ID/B/C.3/68;

(D) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE,
ID/B/C.3/65;

(E) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE,
ID/B/C.3/66 (COVERED IN SEPTTEL).
DOCUMENT RELATING TO SUB-ITEM 4(B), WORK PROGRAM OF UNIDO
FOR 1980-1981 HAS NOT YET BEEN CIRCULATED.

3. MEDIUM-TERM PLAN OF UNIDO FOR 1980-1983. ONE-PAGE
NOTE (ID/B/C.3/67) EXPLAINS THAT, FOLLOWING GENERAL EN-
DORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESTRUCTURING OF UN ECO-
NOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS, CPC IN NEW YORK DEFERRED ACTION
ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING UNIDO'S. ONLY
DOCUMENT AVAILABLE THEREFORE IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUB-
MISSION TO BUDGET DIVISION IN NEW YORK. THIS WAS CIRCULA-
TED AS ID/B/C.3/67/ADD.1 ON APRIL 14. MISSION HAS NOT YET
HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IT, BUT WILL DO SO ASAP AND
SUBMIT COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE.

4. UNIDO/UNCTAD COOPERATION.

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(A) JOINT UNIDO/UNCTAD DOCUMENT (ID/B/C.3/64) PROPOSES
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF "HIGH LEVEL
EXPERTS FAMILIAR WITH GOVERNMENT POLICIES" WHO WOULD
SERVE IN PERSONAL CAPACITY AND WHO WOULD REPORT AND
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IDB AND UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON
MANUFACTURERS. GROUP WOULD MEET IN GENEVA AND HAVE
FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- - TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TRADE AND TRADE-RELATED
 - ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS AT
 - THE LEVEL OF ENTERPRISES OR ORGANIZATIONS, TO EX-
 - AMINE MEASURES WHICH GOVERNMENTS MAY TAKE, INDIVID-
 - UALLY OR JOINTLY, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERGOV-
 - ERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, TO FACILITATE SUCH ARRANGE-
 - MENTS AND TO MAKE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
 - THIS PURPOSE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE GROUP WILL
 - ALSO CONSIDER MEASURES DESIGNED TO SOLVE TRADE AND
 - RELATED ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE COURSE OF SECTORAL
 - CONSULTATIONS WITHIN UNIDO.
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- - TO EXAMINE THE RANGE AND TYPES OF INFORMATION RE-
 - QUIRED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE COLLABORATION AR-
 - RANGEMENTS; ESTABLISH THE ADEQUACY, OR OTHERWISE,

- OF EXISTING INFORMATION FLOWS AND CHANNELS AND,
- RECOMMEND MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF REL-
- EVANT INFORMATION.

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AS BACKGROUND UNIDO HAS CIRCULATED UNCTAD DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/179, 1 JUNE 1977, REPORT BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON "INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION ARRANGEMENTS", WHICH WAS CONSIDERED BY EIGHTH SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURERS (COMMITTEE DEFERRED ACTION) AND ID/B/C.3/

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68, 10 APRIL 1978, NOTE BY UNIDO SECRETARIAT ON "INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AS AN INSTRUMENT OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION".

(B) INITIATIVE BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT LAST YEAR IN AREA OF INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION CAUGHT UNIDO SECRETARIAT SOMEWHAT BY SURPRISE AND UNIDO MOUNTED EFFORTS TO REGAIN ITS AUTHORITY. THERE WERE SEVERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARIATS AND WE UNDERSTAND JOINT PAPER PROPOSING JOINT EXPERT GROUP IS RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS HEADED ON UNIDO SIDE BY DIRECTOR OF POLICY COORDINATION KONZ.

(C) MAIN THRUST OF DOCUMENTATION IS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 11 OF JOINT PAPER WHICH STATES "A CONCERTED APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION ARRANGEMENTS, BY PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK THROUGH INTERGOV-

ERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, WOULD SEEM ESSENTIAL IN THE CREATION OF A LASTING CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND IN DEVISING AND IMPLEMENTING MEASURES THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DEVELOP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAPIDLY AND THAT A BETTER BALANCE IS ACHIEVED BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES". UNIDO'S BACKGROUND NOTE STATES THAT INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS ARE BECOMING MORE COMPLEX AND THAT THIS HAS INCREASED NEED FOR GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT. PARA 30, FOR EXAMPLE, STATES THAT UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OF MODERN INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TRANSFERRED TO AN LDC CAN SERIOUSLY RETARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE LDC AND THE LDC SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE ABLE "TO HAVE RECOURSE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY OF THE SUPPLYING ENTERPRISE WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT THE SUPPLIER FULFILLS HIS OBLIGATION TO MAKE THE INDUSTRIAL PLANT PERFORM AS PROMISED".

(D) THERE IS SOME IMPLICATION IN DOCUMENTS THAT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THEIR TRADING PARTNERS ARE USEFUL MODELS AND THAT FACT THAT ONLY A FEW SUCH AGREEMENTS ARE IN FORCE BETWEEN LDCS AND DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES IS A PROBLEM TO BE OVERCOME, IGNORING THAT MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES PROVIDE BULK OF LDC MARKETS AND EXTERNAL INVESTMENT FLOWS WITHOUT SUCH AGREEMENTS. DOCUMENTS ALSO DO NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO EXISTING "FRAMEWORK" AGREEMENTS SUCH AS GATT OR TO THE WORK GOING ON IN VARIOUS FORA ON CODES OF CONDUCT, ETC.

(E) IN MISSION'S VIEW, TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PROPOSED AD HOC EXPERT GROUP ARE SO BROAD AS TO BE ALMOST UNMANAGEABLE. FURTHERMORE SECOND SENTENCE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF TERMS REFERS TO MEASURES DESIGNED TO SOLVE TRADE AND RELATED ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN UNIDO SECTORAL CONSULTATIONS; IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT SUCH ISSUES WOULD BE ASIDE FROM THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY BEING DEALT WITH IN THE MTN OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE SPECIALIZED FORA.

(F) MISSION SUGGESTS THAT U.S. DEL:

(1) WELCOME EVIDENCE THAT UNIDO AND UNCTAD SECRETAR-

IATS ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATING WITH EACH OTHER TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND ENSURE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES;

(2) RECOGNIZE THAT GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS CAN BE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING THE CLIMATE IN WHICH TRADE AND INVESTMENT DECISIONS ARE MADE BUT NOTE DEFICIENCIES IN SECRETARIAT'S ANALYSIS;

(3) SUGGEST THAT BEFORE CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC EXPERT GROUP THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER ANALYSIS OF WHAT PROBLEMS EXIST THAT ARE NOT ALREADY THE SUBJECT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS OR BEING DEALT WITH IN OTHER FORA (IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE INVENTORY OF SUCH ACTIVITIES);

(4) URGE THAT UNIDO AND UNCTAD CONTINUE THEIR COOPERATION.

(G) IT IS, OF COURSE, ESSENTIAL THAT USG POSITIONS FOR UNIDO PC/IDB MEETINGS AND UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURERS BE CONSISTENT.

5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

(A) ID/B/C.3/65 REFERS TO UNGA RESOLUTION 31/30 OF 29 NOVEMBER 1976 AND DESCRIBES THE EFFORTS MADE BY UNIDO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AS OAU, WHO, ILO, UNIN, UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AND SWAPO, TO PLAN ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA IN ITS TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE. ANNEXED TO THE DOCUMENT IS A

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"DRAFT BLUEPRINT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA" WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. DOCUMENT STATES THAT TRAINING WILL BE CORNERSTONE OF ASSISTANCE "DURING THE PERIOD OF STRUGGLE" AND IDENTIFIES SEVERAL SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES WHICH "ARE TO BE FINANCED FROM UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND". OTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENTS, ACCORDING TO DDCUMMT, . WILL BE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY GROUP TO WORK IN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND OF A "SELECTED BODY OF ACCEPTABLE EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL" READY TO MOVE IN AT SHORT NOTICE TO MANAGE EXISTING ENTERPRISES. BLUEPRINT ESTIMATES THAT VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WOULD COST SOME 15.7 MILLION DOLLARS; INCLUDING 12.9 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE "BODY OF EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL".

(B) AS IN CASE OF ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE (SEE SEPTTEL), SECRETARIAT LAST YEAR CIRCULATED NOTE TO IDB-XI ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH SAID "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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TOR INTENDS TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD, AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION, PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE". PRESENT DOCUMENT FOR PC-X IS NOT A SET OF PROPOSALS; IT "IS INTENDED TO INDICATE THE ACTION TAKEN BY UNIDO TO IMPLEMENT" GA RESOLUTION 31/30.

(C) MISSION ASSUMES U.S. DEL'S INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN CONTEXT GENERAL USG POLICY ON NAMIBIAN QUESTION. LEARY

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